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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Discussion on the Beutler amendment to LB 900? Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator Schrock is right, of course, that the amendment doesn't belong on this bill. But I thank you for the time in terms of the opportunity to talk about a very important subject for a little bit and to bring to your attention that the Natural Resources Enhancement Fund is a part of this merger. So with that, I would withdraw the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Without objection? So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Discussion on the advancement of LB 900? Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, my closing will be brief, but something I have not mentioned to this point in time and I think it's a little bit confusing. The new agency will be called the Natural Resources Commission...Natural Resources Department, and within that agency will be the Natural Resources Commission. And we did talk about whether one of them should change their name; it is very confusing, but we will have a Natural Resources Department and Natural Resources Commission. And the agency director will be the Director of the Department of Natural Resources. So, if you have any questions on that, and I know the public is going to be confused, they've been confused about it in the past, but we did talk to the agency and there was a reluctance to change it. They've been the Natural Resources Commission forever, and they probably want to continue to be that forever. So it's hard to change things. With that, I would appreciate your vote to advance LB 900.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. The question is the advancement of LB 900 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Voting on the advancement of